

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A sandwich panel, comprising:

(A) a core layer of polypropylene particle foam based on foam particles with a particle size in the range from 2 to 8 mm and a bulk density in the range from 10 to 100 g/l between

(B) two cover layers of fiber-reinforced polypropylene, each of said cover layers having a face opposite the core layer; and

(C) optionally, a decorative layer on each of the faces,

wherein the core layer A comprises from 1 to 10% by weight of recycle particles of components A, B and optionally C having an average particle size of from 5 to 10 mm and wherein the foam structure of the core layer remains substantially intact.

2. (original) A sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cover layers B include from 10 to 60% by weight of glass, natural or polymeric fibers in the form of mats, nonwoven scrims, wovens or short fibers.

3. (original) A sandwich panel as claimed in claim 2, wherein the cover layers include from 20 to 50% by weight of glass mats.

4. (previously presented) A sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decorative panel comprises a fiber web, a polymeric film or a foam film.

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

5 ~~7~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polypropylene of the particle foam in the core layer is selected from the group

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consisting of a polypropylene homopolymer, a copolymer of polypropylene and 0.5 to 15% by weight of ethene, a copolymer of polypropylene and 0.5 to 15% by weight of 1-butene, and a copolymer of polypropylene and from 0.5 to 15% by weight of ethene and 1-butene.

~~6~~ ~~8~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polypropylene of the particle foam of the core layer has a crystallite melting point in the range of 120° to 170°C.

9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)

~~7~~ ~~11~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polypropylene in the cover layers is selected from the group consisting of a polypropylene homopolymer, a graft copolymer of polypropylene and maleic anhydride, a graft copolymer of polypropylene and acrylic acid, a copolymer of polypropylene and maleic anhydride, and a copolymer of polypropylene and acrylic acid.

~~8~~ ~~12~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decorative layers comprise a fiber web, wherein said fiber web comprises a polyester or polyamide, polymeric film or a foam film optionally laminated with a film.

~~9~~ ~~13~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core layer comprises from 1 to 20% by weight of said recyclate particles.

~~10~~ ~~14~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core layer comprises from 2 to 10% by weight of said recyclate particles.

15. (canceled)

11 ~~16~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the recycle particles have an average particle size of from 6 to 8 mm.

12 ~~17~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core layer is 3 to 20 mm thick.

13 ~~18~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the cover layers is 0.5 to 2 mm thick.

14 ~~19~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decorative layers are 1 to 5 mm thick.

15 ~~20~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decorative layers are 1 to 3 mm thick.

16 ~~21~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core layer is obtained by welding 1 to 10% by weight of the recycle particles having an average particle size of from 5 to 10 mm with 90 to 99% by weight of polypropylene foam particles.

17 ~~22~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core layer is 3 to 20 mm thick and each of the cover layers is 0.5 to 2 mm thick.

18 ~~23~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decorative layers each comprise a fiber web foam film from 1 to 5 mm thick.

19 ~~24~~. (previously presented) The sandwich panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decorative layers each comprise a fiber web or a foam film from 1 to 3 mm thick.

20 ~~25~~. (previously presented) A motor vehicle part selected from the group consisting of truck floor, parcel shelf and side door trim, comprising the sandwich panel

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as claimed in claim 1.